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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.36.310 and 1999 c 201 s 3 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The department is authorized to erect and maintain motorist  
6 information sign panels within the right of way of the interstate  
7 highway system to give the traveling public specific information as to  
8 gas, food, lodging, camping, or tourist-oriented business available on  
9 a crossroad at or near an interchange. Motorist information sign  
10 panels shall include the words "GAS," "FOOD," "LODGING," "CAMPING," or  
11 "TOURIST ACTIVITIES" and the letters "RV" next to a gas, food, lodging,  
12 camping, or tourist activity sign if the business or destination  
13 accommodates recreational vehicles, and directional information  
14 ((and)). Directional information may contain one or more individual  
15 business signs maintained on the panel. The "RV" logo for businesses  
16 or destinations that accommodate recreational vehicles shall be placed  
17 in the lower right corner of the gas, food, lodging, camping, or  
18 tourist activity sign and shall be in the form of a small yellow circle  
19 with the letters "RV" in black. In managing the number of individual  
20 business signs to be displayed, the department must ensure the use of  
21 available space on a panel is maximized. Motorist information sign  
22 panels are authorized within the corporate limits of cities and towns  
23 and areas zoned for commercial or industrial uses at locations where  
24 there is adequate distance between interchanges to ensure compliance  
25 with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The erection and  
26 maintenance of motorist information sign panels shall also conform to  
27 the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and rules adopted by the  
28 state department of transportation. A motorist service or tourist-  
29 oriented business located within one mile of an interstate highway  
30 shall not be permitted to display its name, brand, or trademark on a

1 motorist information sign panel unless its owner has first entered into  
2 an agreement with the department limiting the height of its on-premise  
3 signs at the site of its service installation to not more than fifteen  
4 feet higher than the roof of its main building measured to the bottom  
5 of the on-premise sign. The restriction for on-premise signs does not  
6 apply if the sign is not visible from the highway. The department may,  
7 on a case-by-case basis, waive the height restriction when an on-  
8 premise sign is visible from the rural interstate system. The  
9 department shall charge ~~((reasonable))~~ sufficient fees for the display  
10 of individual business signs to ~~((defray))~~ recover the costs of their  
11 installation and maintenance, and ~~((may))~~ shall charge ~~((reasonable))~~  
12 sufficient fees to recover costs for the erection and maintenance of  
13 the motorist information sign panels.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.36.320 and 1999 c 213 s 1 and 1999 c 201 s 4 are  
15 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 The department is authorized to erect and maintain motorist  
17 information sign panels within the right of way of noninterstate  
18 highways to give the traveling public specific information as to gas,  
19 food, lodging, recreation, or tourist-oriented businesses accessible by  
20 way of highways intersecting the noninterstate highway. The motorist  
21 information sign panels are permitted only at locations within the  
22 corporate limits of cities and towns and areas zoned for commercial or  
23 industrial uses where there is adequate distance between interchanges  
24 to ensure compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control  
25 Devices. Motorist information sign panels shall include the words  
26 "GAS," "FOOD," "LODGING," "RECREATION," or "TOURIST ACTIVITIES" and the  
27 letters "RV" next to a gas, food, lodging, camping, or tourist activity  
28 sign if the business or destination accommodates recreational vehicles,  
29 and directional information ((and)). Directional information may  
30 contain one or more individual business signs maintained on the panel.  
31 The "RV" logo for businesses or destinations that accommodate  
32 recreational vehicles shall be placed in the lower right corner of the  
33 gas, food, lodging, camping, or tourist activity sign and shall be in  
34 the form of a small yellow circle with the letters "RV" in black. In  
35 managing the number of individual business signs to be displayed, the  
36 department must ensure the use of available space on a panel is  
37 maximized. The erection and maintenance of motorist information sign

1 panels along noninterstate highways shall also conform to the Manual on  
2 Uniform Traffic Control Devices and rules adopted by the state  
3 department of transportation. A motorist service or tourist-oriented  
4 business located within one mile of a noninterstate highway shall not  
5 be permitted to display its name, brand, or trademark on a motorist  
6 information sign panel unless its owner has first entered into an  
7 agreement with the department limiting the height of its on-premise  
8 signs at the site of its service installation to not more than fifteen  
9 feet higher than the roof of its main building measured to the bottom  
10 of the on-premise sign.

11 The department shall adopt rules for the erection and maintenance  
12 of tourist-oriented directional signs with the following restrictions:

13 (1) Where installed, they shall be placed in advance of the "GAS,"  
14 "FOOD," "LODGING," (~~(or)~~) "RECREATION," or "RV" motorist information  
15 sign panels previously described in this section;

16 (2) Signs shall not be placed to direct a motorist to an activity  
17 visible from the main traveled roadway;

18 (3) Premises on which the qualified tourist-oriented business is  
19 located must be within fifteen miles of the state highway except as  
20 provided in RCW 47.36.330(3) (b) and (c), and necessary supplemental  
21 signing on local roads must be provided before the installation of the  
22 signs on the state highway.

23 The department shall charge (~~(reasonable)~~) sufficient fees for the  
24 display of individual business signs to (~~(defray)~~) recover the costs of  
25 their installation and maintenance, and (~~(may)~~) shall charge  
26 (~~(reasonable)~~) sufficient fees to recover the costs for the erection  
27 and maintenance of the motorist information sign panels.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW  
29 to read as follows:

30 (1) The department of transportation shall not include the logo  
31 "RV" under RCW 47.36.310 and 47.36.320 unless a business or destination  
32 requests an "RV" logo and the department determines that the gas, food,  
33 or lodging business or the camping or tourist activity destination  
34 provides parking spaces, overhang clearances, and entrances and exits  
35 designed to accommodate recreational or other large vehicles.

36 (2) The department may charge a reasonable fee in accordance with

1 RCW 47.36.310 or 47.36.320 to defray the costs associated with the  
2 installation and maintenance of signs with "RV" logos.

3 (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this  
4 section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of transportation shall  
6 submit an electronic report by December 15, 2005, to the house of  
7 representatives and senate transportation committees detailing revenues  
8 and expenditures of the motorist information sign program. The report  
9 shall also include a detailed explanation of the methodology and  
10 calculation of costs charged to businesses using the program.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.36.325 (Motorist information signs--  
12 Private contractors) and 2002 c 321 s 1 are each repealed."

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13 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "panels;" strike the  
14 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.36.310; reenacting  
15 and amending RCW 47.36.320; adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW;  
16 creating a new section; and repealing RCW 47.36.325."

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